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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☒ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☒ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - ☐ in written format
 - ☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
 - ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- ☐ the entire international application,
- ☒ claims Nos. 66-129 with respect to industrial applicability

because:

- ☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 66-129 with respect to industrial applicability relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

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- ☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):
- ☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
- ☐ no international search report has been established for the whole application or for said claims Nos.
- ☐ the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:
 - the written form ☐ has not been furnished
 - ☐ does not comply with the standard
 - the computer readable form ☐ has not been furnished
 - ☐ does not comply with the standard
- ☐ the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-*bis* of the Administrative Instructions.
- ☐ See separate sheet for further details

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	5-11,13-25,27-32,35,37,38,44-54,57-60,63,65-129
	No: Claims	1-4,12,26,33,34,36, 39-43,55,56,61,62,64
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	5-11,13-25,27-32,35,37,38,44-54,57-60,63,65-129
	No: Claims	1-4,12,26,33,34,36,39-43,55,56,61,62,64
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-65
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rules 43bis.1 and 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rules 43bis.1 and 70.9)

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Re Item III.

Claims 66-129 relate to subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 67.1(iv) PCT. Consequently, no opinion will be formulated with respect to the industrial applicability of the subject-matter of these claims (Article 34(4)(a)(I) PCT).

Re Item V.

The documents mentioned in the search report are numbered according to their order of appearance in the search report: D1-D4.

D1 discloses compounds and pharmaceutical compositions corresponding to the formula (I) of claim 1, having antiinflammatory, analgesic, antibacterial and antifungal activity (e.g. col. 21 lines 51-56). The subject matter of claims 1-4, 12, 26, 33, 34, 36, 39-43, 61, 62, 64 lack novelty in view of this disclosure.

No meaningful statement as to the novelty of the subject matter of claim 10 can be given, since the subject matter of claim 10 is unclear in connection with claims 12, 24 and 26 dependent on said claim 10: compounds with R_2 =methyl appear to be outside the scope of claim 10 but are specifically claimed in claims 12 and 26. Thus claims 10, 12, 24 and 26 are unclear with respect to the essential technical features of the compounds or compositions defined therein (Art. 6 PCT).

D2 discloses compounds 8a-8e which are novelty-destroying for the subject matter of claims 39-43, 55, 56, 61, 62, and 64.

The use of the compounds of formula (I) for treating hepatitis infection is neither disclosed nor derivable from the cited prior art.

For the assessment of the present claims 66-129 on the question whether they are industrially applicable, no unified criteria exist in the PCT Contracting States. The patentability can also be dependent upon the formulation of the claims. The EPO, for example, does not recognize as industrially applicable the subject-matter of claims to the use of a compound in medical treatment, but may allow, however, claims to a

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known compound for first use in medical treatment and the use of such a compound for the manufacture of a medicament for a new medical treatment.